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First Named Inventor:	William J. Veeneman	Confirmation No.: 1542
Application No.:	10/662,754	Examiner: Vanel Frenel
Filing Date:	September 15, 2003	Group Art Unit: 3687
Title:	Multi-Merchant Gift Registry	

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER C.F.R. § 1.181(a)**

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Abandonment mailed April 26, 2010 which states that the reason for abandonment is "Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 25 June 2009." However, a Notice of Appeal was filed on December 28, 2009, which was within the 6-month time period for reply prescribed in the Office Action. A copy of the Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt and Notice of Appeal is attached as Appendix A. Therefore, this Notice of Abandonment was issued in error, and it is respectfully requested that the Director withdraw the Notice and that prosecution be continued with the appeal.

This petition is filed under 37 CFR §1.181(a) and thus Applicant believes that no fee is required. However, should any additional fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefore and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1420, as necessary.

If the Director should have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt

EFS ID:	6712944		
Application Number:	10662754		
International Application Number:			
Confirmation Number:	1542		
Title of Invention:	Multi-merchant gift registry		
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In re Application of
William J. VeenemanApplication Number
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Sept. 15, 2003

For Multi-Merchant Gift Registry

Art Unit
3687Examiner
Frenel, VanellApplicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1))

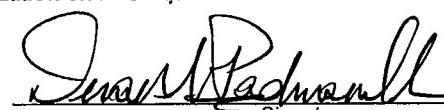
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